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PURCHASING VOTES.

At every election there is a great hue and cry raised over the purchase of votes by both or all political parties. The pots call the kettles black to a degree which would astonish that great philosopher Mother Goose, who had a perception of the incongruous and ridiculous not often surpassed. The Republican party exhibits the damnable purchase of votes in Hudson County, New Jersey, for instance, and the Democrats in turn are horrified over the bold and defiant use of money in elections in that stronghold of Republicanism Philadelphia. The Republicans declare that Tammany Hall in New York city is a vast exchange in which offices and votes are the commodities bought and sold. The Democratic National Campaign Committee, on the contrary, declares that all the rich men are in the Republican party, and that unless money is forthcoming, and that quickly, from the poor people of the Democratic party, the Republicans will buy all the votes necessary to put their candidate in the White House. Which being interpreted means that the Republicans are buying votes, and that unless the Democrats can buy as many or more, they are whipped.

Referring once more to the works of Mother Goose, it will be noted that there was no doubt about the blackness of either the pot or the kettle and the absurdity of the situation arose only when they exchanged their opinions concerning each other. So there is no manner of doubt in the mind of any one who has had any experience in practical politics, that vast sums of money are used in every election by both parties for the purchase of votes. But it requires no genius to discover or announce this situation. Therefore small credit is due those self-satisfied impracticables who in magazine articles or otherwise with lofty men discourse, concerning the "awful corruption" of the two great political parties.

In the first place, as great as the purchasing evil is in politics, it is not half as great as these calamity howlers would lead one to suppose. There are a great many men in both parties who could by no means be induced to vote the opposition ticket, but who will not leave work or pleasure, as the case may be, to vote unless, as they phrase it, they are "compensated" for their time and trouble. Their lack of patriotism is to be deplored, but they are not more purchasable in the proper sense of that term than the most high-toned citizen in the township of Bloomfield.

But after these compensated individuals are eliminated, there exists a very considerable, almost permanent, "purchasable vote"—permanent in gross and almost as permanent as regards the individual units which compose it. In almost every voting precinct there are certain men who are known to the active managers of both parties to make a business year after year of selling their votes to the highest bidder. In many districts the party which fails to purchase its "fair share" must be defeated. This is as true when the district means a State as when it means an Assembly district. When great principles are at stake, far-reaching policies to be determined, and men of the most widely differing character and abilities to be selected, what shall the conscientious man do in the premises. The difficulty in answering this question to the satisfaction of the average conscience of the community is what paralyzes the most stringent election laws. Nine voters out of ten regard the purchase of votes, absolutely for sale, as a *malum prohibitum* and not *malum in se*—a thing prohibited, but not evil in itself.

The situation is full of present and prospective evil. Most people recognize this, but the proper remedy has yet to be applied.

The Pythian Parade.

The interesting Field Day of the Knights of Pythias at Bloomfield last Wednesday served several excellent purposes, prominent among them being the excellent impression produced upon those not familiar with the order by the presence of so many men in fine appearance and evident worth in the ranks of assembled divisions.—Sunday Call.

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Westminster Presbyterian.
The Rev. Geo. A. Paull, pastor. Sunday services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's prayer meeting at 7 P. M. Strangers always welcome.

German Presbyterian.
Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, D. D., at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 P. M. Communion service to-morrow.

Park Methodist Episcopal.
The Rev. R. B. Collins, pastor. Services to-morrow 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. R. B. Collins. Sunday-school at noon. Epworth League prayer meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Miss Lillie Galloway. Quarterly Conference Monday evening. Strangers always welcome.

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Preaching at 10.30 and 7.30 by the pastor, the Rev. Elbert Clement. Morning subject, "The Home and the Sunday-school." Class meeting at noon. Sunday-school at 2.30. Epworth League vesper service at 6.45. Seats free. All welcome.

First Baptist Church.
The Rev. Chas. A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The Fourth Anniversary services of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held to-morrow. The annual sermon to the society will be presented by the pastor. Subject, "Temples of the Holy Ghost." The evening service will be conducted by the society.

Glen Ridge Congregational.
The Rev. F. J. Goodwin, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P. M.

Christ Episcopal.
The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. Celebration of the Holy Communion, 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Evening Prayer with Sermon 7.30 P. M.

Church of the Sacred Heart.
The Rev. J. M. Nardiello, pastor. First Mass and sermon, 7.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Vesper service, 3.30 P. M.

A. M. E. Church.
The Rev. Thomas Chase, pastor. Services will be held in the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association rooms every Sunday. Class meeting at 10.30. Preaching at 11 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Bible reading 4 P. M. Preaching at 7.30 P. M.

Think Twice Before You Vote.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:
SIR: Is it wise to pledge our votes for mere political partisans whose only difference are concerned with their views as to whether the tariff or commerce constitutes a palpable tax or a beneficial bounty for the good of the nation's citizens. The vital questions which concern us at the present time are accustomed to be wholly ignored by politicians. They are not seeking the welfare of their constituents, but the filling of their pocket-books at the public crib and clothing themselves with the glamor of a little brief authority to hide the paucity of their statesmanship.

The fearful percentage of business failures among men of undoubted shrewdness and activity, indicates most plainly that the platform on which business operations are conducted is not so framed as to make possible the financial success which all earnest men desire to acquire by their labors. Competition cuts off the profits that co-operation would permit; exorbitant rates of commission and transportation, together with needless taxation take another slice; the operations of monopolistic millionaires and speculators take all the rest, to the everlasting end that the rich may grow still richer and the struggling poor may be ground still deeper in the mire by a selfish, unloving, mercenary set of the newsmen.

Man's necessity has too long been his brother's opportunity for laying on the clanking chains of bondage to the unrighteous power of acquired wealth. Necessity at last has shown herself the mother of invention, in politics as well as in the industrial world. There has arisen a new and progressive political party, whose earnest advocates are pledged to measures of true statesmanship and public welfare. This People's Party has nominated for the Presidency Genl. James B. Weaver of Iowa; for the Vice-President, James G. Field of Virginia; for the Governorship of New Jersey, Benjamin Bird of Hunterdon County, and Essex County has put in nomination Joseph B. Buchanan of Newark for Senator and John V. L. Pierson of Bloomfield for County Clerk.

The People's Party platform has been framed by wise and patriotic statesmen who have the rights, the welfare and the interest of their fellow citizens at heart, and who have the courage to stand by the right, regardless of the knout of party discipline. Their platform demands "the increase of the circulating medium of exchange to adequately meet the present needs of business transactions; the establishment of postal savings banks, and the Government ownership of the railroads and telegraph lines."

This party has for supporters the members of the National Farmers' Alliance in large numbers, the former members of the Greenback Party, and those who voted four years ago for General Butler; the members of the People's Union who are about to secure for us the blessings of direct legislation, and meets with the earnest endorsement of whole-souled, thoughtful men on every hand.

There are at the present hour fifteen hundred newspapers hearing the standard of the People's Party; among these are the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, the St. Louis Chronicle, the Cincinnati Post, and the Detroit Evening News, with a combined circulation of some 300,000. At Washington, D. C. there is the National Watchman and in New Jersey the People's Voice of New Brunswick. The party is organized to secure wise, just and economical Government.

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